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SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10, 1903.

County Teachers' Guild.

Teachers from different parts of the county assembled at the Free Public Library, Newark, Saturday afternoon to nominate officers for the ensuing year. The nominations for President were not decided upon, owing to the absence of some of the teachers named for that office. Mrs. Fannie W. Smith, the present President, is not eligible for re-election under the constitution of the guild, as she has already served in that capacity for two years. Among the names mentioned to fill the vacancy were those of Miss Laura J. Bennett, Miss Jessie Coe, and Miss Grace M. Duffy. Nominations for Vice-President were Miss May Nichols and Miss Jessie Doremus; for Recording Secretary, Miss Jane Courrier and Miss Annie McClelland; for Corresponding Secretary, Miss May Martin and Miss C. Hill; for Financial Secretary, Miss Mary L. Hilton and Miss Ida Smith; for Treasurer, Miss S. Emily Potter. The election will be held in about two weeks. It was announced that the usual public lecture course would be omitted this winter, and that the energy of all the teachers was to be devoted to raising money for the teachers' sick benefit fund. There is at present \$1,582.97 in the treasury. The teachers hope to increase this to \$2,500 during the next two months by holding various benefit affairs. Circulars were distributed to the members Saturday which gave a brief account of what the guild had accomplished in the past, and set forth its aims for the future.

Cheap Water.

The city of Newark sells \$18,000 worth of water to the East Jersey Water Company each year, and the latter company in turn sells the water to the town of Montclair. The contract between the city and the company expires on the 11th inst., and the Newark Board of Works has notified the East Jersey Water Company that it is ready to renew the contract at the same terms, namely, \$30 per million gallons. If the town of Bloomfield could get water at that price, municipal ownership of a water plant would effect a saving in municipal expenditures.

Opened the Campaign.

Samuel F. MacDonald, associate legal counsel for this town, addressed a Democratic meeting in Cone street, Orange, Wednesday night. The speaker was severe in his criticism of the legislative record of the Republican party in this State, and compared the party to a falling stone which, "when it falls the farther down it goes the faster it travels. This is illustrated by our recent Legislatures. But 1903 was the limit. Special sessions were twice called to correct mistakes made, and the record of that Legislature is unparalleled in the history of New Jersey. A supervisor of bills was appointed, who draws a salary of \$2,500 a year, and since his incumbency there have been more mistakes than before."

Mr. MacDonald notified his hearers to name from memory any three Republican Assembly candidates. He claimed the eleven were merely tools of the leaders and picked out for that reason. "The constitutional amendments were a monumental fake," he said. "Six or seven corporation lawyers at Atlantic City framed the amendments favorable to them. The people want a constitutional convention to consider amendments, not to have amendments cooked up by corporation lawyers."

He advocated the election of United States Senators, and judges by popular vote.

Base-Ball.

The Watessing Base-ball Club played its final game of the season on the Arlington avenue grounds Saturday afternoon and defeated the Park A. C. of Newark by a score of 9 to 4. The game was weak and uninteresting. The score by innings was as follows:

Watessing.....1 2 3 0 1 1 0 1 x-9
Park A. C.....0 0 0 0 1 0 0 1 x-4
Earned runs—Watessing 5. Two-base hits—Hambacher, Durning, Mushberger. Three-base hits—Daley. Sluggers—Watessing 2. Parks 1. Passed balls—Cott 3. Batters 1. Bases on balls—By Durning 5. Hit by pitcher—Daley. Struck out—By Durning 5, by Beams 3. Left on base—Parks 7, Watessing 5. Umpire—Mr. J. Ferguson. Time—2h.

PIANO INSTRUCTION.

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Duchesse de Berry at Dieppe.

Dieppe boasts of being the most ancient of all the "bains de mer." Henri III. repaired thither in 1578 "to bathe in the sea in order to cure certain ailments from which he suffered."

For a long time the Dieppe baths were reported to be efficacious in cases of hydrophobia. When Henry IV.'s little dog, Fanor, had been bitten by a big dog, supposed to be mad, it was dispatched to Dieppe in charge of a groom of the chamber, "pour etre mouille dans la mer," and Mme. de Sevigne relates that some ladies of the court who had been bitten by a mad dog went there in 1671.

It was, however, the Duchesse de Berry who popularized Dieppe. She went there regularly from 1824 to 1830 and once took part in a really remarkable ceremony of inauguration on the beach. While cannon thundered and bells pealed and bands played she publicly entered the water, led by the band by the "royal medical inspector of the baths," who was attired in evening dress with kid gloves. One would give a great deal for a snap shot of that performance.—Pall Mall Gazette.

The First American Bible.

In 1603 the first Bible printed in America was published in Cambridge. It was unlawful to print an English version of the Scriptures, that right being a monopoly enjoyed by privilege and patent in England. The one printed in Massachusetts was Eliot's famous "Indian Bible," and, although 1,500 copies were struck off, they are quite rare and "sealed books," as the tongue in which they are written is literally a "dead language," the tribe and all who had a knowledge of the dialect being long extinct.

Eliot's work is unique, being at once a monument to his piety, perseverance and learning. Its literary successor was Newman's "Concordance of the Scriptures." This was compiled by the light of pine knots in a log cabin in one of the frontier settlements of Massachusetts. It was the first of its kind and for more than a century was admitted to be the most perfect, holding its place in public esteem until superseded by Cruden's, which it suggested.

Uncovering the Past.

"All right," says the rich father, after the count has stated his terms. "I'll let Sadie marry you and agree to turn over to you \$1,000,000. Now, let's get fixed up properly. Suppose we say \$1,000 down and the balance at \$2 a week."

Here Sadie bursts into tears and leaves the room.

"Now, ma," says the rich father to his wife, "what on earth's the matter with that girl?"

"Well, I don't blame her at all, pa. It seems as if you never could keep from betraying the fact that we are of plebeian origin."

"What have I done now?" asks pa.

"Why, you talk as if you were buying the count from an installment house."—Judge.

Enough.

A New York man says that one of the most pathetic remarks he ever heard was made by a youngster who belonged to New York's east side. The little fellow was taken to Coney Island on an outing conducted by a charitable organization. He went down on the beach and stood for several minutes watching the waves rolling in. As far as he could see there was nothing but water, and the expanse of waves and whitecaps fascinated him. Heaving a deep sigh, the little fellow remarked, "Well, this is the first time I ever saw enough of anything."

Birds Flee Disease.

Professor Mascart has reported to the Paris Academy of Sciences that his observations proved the truth of the statement made by ancient writers that birds flee from cities and countries that are threatened with pestilence. He has found that birds that live in large cities, particularly sparrows and swallows, fly away when serious epidemics begin.

Class Amusements.

"Don't you think the amusements of many society people are very nonsensical?"

"Sometimes," answered Miss Cayenne, "but not as nonsensical as the amusements of those people who amuse themselves by imagining how society people amuse themselves."—Washington Star.

The Idler.

An idle man never encourages good citizenship or progress or peace or decency. Idle men hanging around a town are always a pest. Mischief is always easy to stir up, and every useful, progressive man finds his efforts handicapped by loafers.—Acheson Globe.

Characteristic to the Last.

Squibs—Crosus, the miser, was drowned last evening.

Hibbs—How did it happen?

Squibs—He fell from a steamboat. I reached down and asked him to give me his hand. He said he had nothing to give and sank.

A Fiery Manager.

"I didn't see Renter play Hamlet, but I understand that he threw a great deal of fire into the part."

"I don't know about that, but the manager did. Renter is back in vaudeville."—Toledo News-Bee.

A Magnate.

"Is he very rich?"

"Rich? Why, he's so rich he doesn't look twice at a girl for fear she'll bring a breach of promise suit."—Philadelphia Ledger.

When you dance don't avoid the fiddler next day, hoping he will forget to present his bill. The fiddler never forgets.—Acheson Globe.

Duchesse de Berry at Dieppe.

Like pretty much everything else, this matter of having children has two sides to it. As a great many children are failures and as children are the joint product of heredity and environment, both elements preponderantly under parental control, it would seem more sensible to say that there were too many people undertaking parental responsibility instead of too few. And, further, parenthood has many cares and sorrows and exasperations. Still, when all is said, how many persons who have found themselves childless at forty-five have been able honestly to congratulate themselves?

Children have a use as an assurance against destitution and loneliness in old age. They are satisfactory to the vanity for family immortality. But more than these and all other advantages is the advantage of prolonging one's life. Growing children will keep any proper man or woman young in spirit and in mind, will retard the development of that sour yet complacent cynicism which curses old age both for oneself and for those about one.

The man or the woman—again, the right sort of man or woman—who has children drinks every day a deep draft at the fountain of eternal youth.—Saturday Evening Post.

The Dammaras of Africa.

In Galton's "Tropical South Africa" it is stated that the Dammaras use no term beyond three and that when they wish to express four they take to their fingers. Beyond five they cannot count at all. It is seldom, however, that they lose in a bargain through their inability to count. When bartering, each sheep or ox or whatever they may be selling must be paid for separately. If this rate of exchange were at the rate of two sticks of tobacco for one sheep it would greatly puzzle a Dammarra to accept four sticks for two sheep. Galton says that he several times paid them in that way and that the Dammaras forthwith set aside two sticks for one of the sheep, and even when he found that he had two sticks left for the other sheep he still had his doubts as to the genuineness of the transaction and was not satisfied until two sticks were put into his hand and one sheep driven away and then another two sticks given to him for the other sheep.

The Flight of the Locust.

Writing in the Empire Review on the locust in South Africa, S. B. Kitchen says: Locusts are very tiny creatures, at most two or three inches long, yet giant jawed and shelled in a grim brown mail so hard that as they strike it causes a sharp smart. They travel in such numbers that it takes them four or five days to pass over. The scouts alone, hovering in patches like red dust clouds, are numerous enough to destroy the vegetation of a district, while the main body, high up in the air, a host of little black specks, stretches out into an interminable screen between heaven and earth. The fanning of their wings brings a fresh coolness over the hot earth even in the depth of summer. There seems to be a fresh breath of ozone as of the sea.

The Laughing Hyena.

Although the hysterical laughter of the laughing hyena is not, as was once supposed, the outcome of a deliberate attempt to decoy unwary travelers to their doom, this strange animal is, nevertheless, one of the most cunning of dumb animals. He is so suspicious of everything he does not understand that the sight of even a bit of string at once puts him on his guard. Trappers are aware of this fact and generally use the stems of creeping plants instead of string of any kind in setting their spring traps.

Preserving the Traditions.

"Yes, I have launched my new yacht," said Muchpop.

"What do you call her?" asked the friend.

"Named her for my native city—Brooklyn."

"And did you smash a bottle of wine across her bow when she was christened?"

"No, indeed! We broke a nursing bottle full of milk."—Judge.

Father and Son.

Little Bobby—I can't find my hat and coat.

Father (rushing about)—I can't find mine either. I don't see what your mother does with things. She's gone out, and there's nothing for us to do but hunt till we find 'em or else stay in.

Little Bobby (after long thought)—Let's look on the hall rack.

Imposing.

She (at the review grounds)—What an imposing figure Captain Borrow has!

He—Yes; naturally so.

She—And why naturally, pray?

He—Oh; he's always imposing on his friends.—Philadelphia Inquirer.

Called Him Brother.

Harlow—I noticed you called Fred "brother." Does he belong to some secret society that you do?

Shallop—I don't belong to any secret society. I call him brother because my wife once promised to be a sister to him.—Boston Transcript.

Like a Charm.

Customer (angrily)—You said that hair restorer you sold me a couple of weeks ago would work like a charm, and it didn't do any good at all.

Druggist—But, my dear sir, no one in this enlightened age believes in the efficacy of charms.

Ambiguities of Parrot Talk.

Ida—That parrot is always saying, "Sit close."

May—Yes. It's hard to say whether his former owner was a street car conductor or a young lady keeping regular company.—St. Louis Star.

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If you are not already a regular patron we invite you to open an account at either store. Settlements may be made weekly or monthly.

New Fruits, Oakland Extras, Etc.

We have just received several carload lots of this season's pack—California Fruits. The consignment contains Oakland Extras; full sized, 3 lb. cans, solid fruit, packed in extra heavy syrup, in fact the very finest product of the Golden State. Under this brand we offer the choicest Peaches, Pears, Apricots, Plums and Cherries that grow.

Oak Brand.

This brand, also in this consignment is exceedingly fine. The same assortment is included.

Swan Brand

is very fine California fruit which we sell at 20c the can for Peaches and Pears, 15c for Egg and Green Gage Plums, and 22c for Cherries. Better value was never offered.

Last Week's Specials.

Last week's specials proved very popular and deservedly so. They are repeated here: Decker's XXXX Flour at 5.50 the barrel; Tomatoes, red ripe, large size, full weight 3 lb. cans at 1.10 per dozen cans or 10c per can; Excelsior Java Coffee at 16c per pound, no matter whether you buy one pound or a hundred; Rohe's Bacon at 17c in 2 and 5 pound strips, and last but not least, Decker's Sugar Cured Hams. Not too large, 8 to 12 pounds, at 16c a pound.

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